

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 25th 2007

Faith Sharing

Readings and Questions for Week of April 1st 2007

Isaiah 50: 4-7; Philippians 2: 6-11;
Luke 22:14-23:56

Theme: Jesus shows us how much He truly loves us.

Question for Adults: What way would you most like to share your time, your life, with your family this week?

Question for Children: How can you spend time with each member of your family this week in a way that will communicate your love for them?

Monday, March 26th 2007

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
Isaiah 7:10-14-8:10; Luke 1:26-38

8:00 a.m. – Daily Liturgy

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours

6:30 p.m. – Girl Scouts

7:00 p.m. – Chrism Mass at Cathedral

Tuesday, March 27th 2007

Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30

No Daily Liturgy

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours

7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts

Wednesday, March 28th 2007

Deuteronomy 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Office Hours

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Food Pantry

No Daily Liturgy

6:30 p.m. – Wednesday Night Meal

7:00 p.m. – Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, March 29th 2007

Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59

8:00 a.m. – Daily Liturgy

Intention: Health of Paul Furey

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours

Friday, March 30th 2007

Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42

8:00 a.m. – Daily Liturgy

Intention: For all those attending the Confirmation Retreat

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours

4:45 p.m. – Confirmation Students leave from OLBH for retreat

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Guatemala Spaghetti Dinner

7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 31st 2007

Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56

No Daily Liturgy with Adoration

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Food Pantry

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Share Distribution

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11

5:00 p.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist

Intention: Health of Jim Kineen

Ministry Schedule

Bread Baker: Cecelia Keller

Altar Servers: Jessica Schacher, Joe Schulte & Celena Sass

Blood: John Wang, Jayme & Reggie Hunt, Jerry Silbernagel

Body: Diane Clarke

Lectors: Diane Clarke & Carrie Baker

Passion Readers: Steve & Sue Colgan

Sacristans: Joe & Linda Schacher

Ushers: Philip Clarke & Jami Kortan

Choir: Lori Miller

Sunday, April 1st, 2007

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11

8:00 a.m. -- Liturgy of the Eucharist

Intention: For the Parish Community

Ministry Schedule

Altar Servers: Cheyenne, Garrett Quinn & Caitlin Wilson

Blood: Kathy Amiotte, Frank Boner, Marty Quinn, Pat Suiter

Body: Larry Williamson

Lectors: Taylor Rohrbach & Donna Boner

Passion Readers: Jay Hammerquist & Jessica Ferley

Sacristans: Frank & Donna Boner

Ushers: Anita Tidemann & Kevin Rohrbach

Choir: Regina's Minstrels

8:30 a.m. - RCIA Class

9:15 a.m. - Faith Formation Classes

10:30 a.m. Liturgy of Eucharist

Intention: For the Parish Community

Ministry Schedule

Altar Servers: Katie Strand, Mattias Didriksen, David Strand

Blood: Christine Didriksen, Stephanie Strand, Brad Blauvelt, Sharon Long

Body: Mary Blauvelt

Lectors: John Usera & Bernadette Usera

Passion Readers: Laura Varilek & Jerry Meyer

Sacristans: The Blauvelt Family

Ushers: The Weaver Family

Choir: Lori Miller

No Confirmation Class

Sparks From Mark

Several Things

This weekend, I will be in Denver with Cindy Thompson, Rose Williamson, Brad Blauvelt, and Colleen Brenzy from our parish. We will be participating in the Annual conference on Contemplative Prayer given this year by two Trappist monks from Snowmass Colorado, Frs. Thomas Keating and William Menninger. The theme is on the book *The Cloud of Unknowing*. The Cloud as is known was written by an unknown mystic of the fourteenth Century.

One of my favorite lines in "the cloud" is "This is what you are to do: lift your heart up Lord, with a gentle stirring of love desiring for his own sake and not for his gifts."

Fr. Ray Deisch has been a great companion for me as well as the prayer group that meets every Thursday from 6:30 – 8:00 pm at St. Martins. In working with Fr. Ray, we have also started to do Centering Prayer on Monday and Fridays at 9:00 am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel—I invite anyone to join us. All are welcome!

I also wanted to invite everyone to the Chrism mass Monday evening at the Cathedral at 7:00 pm.

This is a great liturgy where Bishop Cupich will bless the Oils of the Sick, the Catechumen and the Sacred Chrism, which will be used to anoint the Sick, to Baptized, to Confirm, to Ordain and consecrate new Altars and Churches. Also the all the priests in the diocese will renew their commitment to priesthood once again. Myself I look forward to this annual renew of the Vows I made some 15 years ago.

I hope you are able to join us with our confirmation candidates and those in our RCIA as we take part in this great liturgy. These Oils will be part of our Holy Thursday Liturgy as they are processed up as part of the offertory that night.

Easter Vigil Mass

The Mass time has been changed to
8:30 p.m. for Easter Vigil Mass on
April 7th.

Prayer Corner: Names will remain on the list for one month. Please contact the office for continued prayers.

Improved Health: Frank & Cecilia Keller, George

Bondora, Larry Still

Repose: Maria Heloise Burns, Ken Hunt



Stewardship

March 17th & 18th

Loose	\$1,824.32
Envelopes	\$1,354.00
Votive	\$4.00
Student	\$112.63
Adopt a Seminarian	\$30.00
Catholic Relief	\$20.00
Guatemala	\$1,165.00
Fair Trade	\$18.00
Building Fund	\$311.00
Total	\$4,838.95

Renovation Pledges

May 1st 2005 to April 30th 2007

Total Pledged - \$141,112.01

Total Received - \$114,345.83

Peace and Justice Trip to the Standing Rock Reservation is scheduled for **July 8-12**. Please plan on joining us. More information to come. Questions? Eileen Desmond 430-0209.

Mama Mia!

Basket Auction

Thank you to all who have supported us with the Basket Auctions in the past.

We are excited to announce that our Annual basket Auction will be Saturday, May 12th at 6:00 p.m. Please look for more information to come!

Prayer for the Feast of the Annunciation

Almighty and ever living God, your Son was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Her greeting to Elizabeth caused her unborn child John the Baptist to leap for joy in the Holy Spirit. May we too rejoice at the gift of every child. Fill us with a sense of reverence and awe for the babies you are knitting in their mothers' wombs so that we will never hesitate to raise our voices on their behalf in the face of the many threats against them. We ask this of You, Father, through your Incarnate Son in the power and grace of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever, AMEN

(Luke 1:15, 30-44; Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 717, 486, 495)



Conversion/Finding God

Season II of Renew

Focus for Week of March 25

Do You Believe? Do We Believe?

Often in our lives we are confronted with the question, "Do you believe?" Do we believe that we will live forever, and that even when death occurs we will be raised from the dead? Do we have faith that, with Christ, new life is ours, or does that seem just too good to be true? As we come to the conclusion of Lent and enter the mystery of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection, we recommit ourselves to proclaim with hope: "We believe in life everlasting!"

Youth News

All who are interested in **Region VIII Leadership Camp**, there will be a meeting Wednesday night, March 28th at 5:45 p.m. in the church basement.. Contact Teresa Thompson at 787-5168 or teresa@olbh.org.

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 7:00 p.m. during the Lenten season. If you or a group you belong to would like to lead Stations of the Cross one of these Fridays, please contact the parish office at 787-5168.



Kindergarten/Preschool Screening and Registration Dates.

Screening is available for any child who will be attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2007, including those with developmental concerns in the areas of motor, cognitive, or speech skills. Vision and hearing tests will also be administered. Screening will be held at Grace United Methodist Church, Tuesday, April 24 from 11:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., and again on Wednesday, April 25 from 7:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. If you have any questions, contact Judy Wilson at 787-4400.

Father Arnold Kari Celebrating 30 years of Ordination

On March 28th, 2007, Father Arnold Kari will be celebrating his 30th year since his ordination. In celebration, St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be having a potluck/salad supper following the 5:00 pm Mass on March 31st in the

Parish Hall. All are welcome to come join us and help Father celebrate this day. You may bring a casserole, a hearty salad, or both if you desire. We will be providing the utensils, drinks, and of course the dessert. If you want to send cards, please send to St. Francis of Assisi Church, ATTN: Father Kari, 1049 Howard Street, Sturgis, SD 57785. Thank and hopefully we will see you there.

Diocesan News

An **Engaged Encounter Weekend** for engaged or newly married couples will be held **April 13th 15th** at St. Martin's Community Center. The weekend is designed to give couples an opportunity to examine their future lives together, to focus on each other, and to look at their relationship with God, the Church, and the world. For information, and to request a registration form, call Greg & Connie Forstner at 605-341-6032.

Chrism Mass Choir Practice

March 25th 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Chrism Mass March 26th 7:00 p.m.

*Catholic Social Services
Annual Palm Sunday Brunch
Sunday, April 1, 2007
12 Noon*

*Ramkota Hotel, Rapid City
(Minerva's side of the hotel)*

Call today to reserve your free tickets. This is a family friendly event. We hope to see you there.

Call 348-6086 or 1-800-727-2401

Come help us imagine the difference we can make!

Level I - Separated and Divorced Support Group, "Encountering Life Alone"

This nine-week support group begins at **7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 15th** at St. Therese the Little Flower Church, 532 Adams Street., Rapid City. The group is non-denominational and open to all Christian men and women who are hurting due to separation or divorce. Registration fee is \$25.00. Pre-registration is requested! For more information or to pre-register, call Jill or Kathy at Family Life Ministries, 605-343-3541.

Praying with Scripture: Lectio Divina A Lectio Divina workshop will be held Saturday, March 31st, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at St. Martin's Monastery, Benedict Hall. Offering of \$10.00 includes refreshments. In asking the Lord to speak to us, we say, "Speak Lord, your servant, your disciple, friend, lover wants to hear you." We listen to each word, and sometimes hear what is not spoken, what lies between the words. Registration is necessary. Call Sister Marmion Howe at 605-343-2688.

A Mutual Fatherhood: Priests and Dads Together in Faith

Rev. Mr. James Keating, Ph.D. will be giving a presentation for priests, deacons, husbands, and fathers. Deacon Keating is the Director of Theological Formation in the Institute for Priestly Formation at Creighton University, and former Professor of Moral and Spiritual Theology at the Pontifical College Josephinum. A well-respected theologian and engaging speaker, Deacon Keating will give us a worthwhile and informative presentation on **Friday, March 30,**

2007, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m., at St. Therese Parish. Lunch will follow at 11:45 a.m.

Faithful Citizenship Sunday March 25: Fifth Sunday of Lent

The more prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the foreigner in search of the security and the means of livelihood which he cannot find in his country of origin. Public authorities should see to it that the natural right is respected that places a guest under the protection of those who receive him ... Immigrants are obliged to respect with gratitude the material and spiritual heritage of the country that receives them, to obey its laws and to assist in carrying civic burdens.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2nd Ed., paragraph 2241. (From the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission Faithful Citizenship Committee)

For the Ride Home

by Ted Bergh

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Scripture

- I open your graves and have you rise from them...I will put my spirit in you that you may live, (Ezekiel 37:13,14)
- My soul looks for the Lord more than sentinels for daybreak. More than sentinels for daybreak, let Israel look for the LORD... (Psalm 130:6)
- ...the One who raised Christ from the dead will give life...through his Spirit dwelling in you. (Romans 8:11)
- I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live... (John 11:25)

Reflection

- Have you kept a night watch and waited anxiously for the dawn?
- Are you keeping watch (prayer, fasting from material satisfaction and serving others) and waiting for the Lord?
- What does it mean to die to the world (live in the world but not of the world) and live in the spirit of Christ?
- How does the Spirit of life change your life?

It is evident that discipleship is a wide and flexible concept...by the tradition as embodying the ideals of the active and contemplative life. But notwithstanding all this variety, there is a proportionately common element, the norm of which is given in Christ. All are held to: (1) self-abnegation, (2) humble service, (3) generosity toward the needy, and (4) patience in adversity.¹

No follower of Christ must be so taken up with external activities as to forget the "one thing necessary" (Luke 10:42) namely, to be inwardly transformed by the knowledge and love Christ brings into the world.²

¹Dulles, Avery Cardinal, *Models of the Church*, (Image Books/Doubleday: New York, 2002), 205.

²Ibid., 20